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Letter dated 31 December 2002 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

With reference to the letter dated 6 November 2002 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to you (S/2002/1237, annex), I have the honour to inform you that on 22 December 2002 a delegation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iraq handed over to a delegation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kuwait some Kuwaiti property recently located by the Iraqi customs authorities, as shown in the attached list (see annex).

The handover took place at the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM) compound in Umm Qasr, in Iraqi territory, under the supervision of Mr. Tesfaye Tadesse, Senior Adviser to the Force Commander of UNIKOM, who had been designated by you to facilitate the return of this property.

The Iraqi and Kuwaiti delegations both signed an inventory of the items returned. The inventory was also signed by your representative, and the original has been deposited with you. The items were returned in a positive and professional atmosphere, and this helped in the rapid completion of the task.

I request you to have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Mohammed **Salman**
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Kuwaiti property returned on 22 December 2002

1. A green leather case inscribed [in Arabic] "Gift to His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah from his brother King Fahd Bin Abdul-Aziz";

2. A magnum revolver with rifle stock and sight inscribed [in Arabic] "For the Amirs and Kings of the Gulf — Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah";

3. An automatic hunting rifle inscribed [in Arabic] "Sheikh Mubarak Al-Abdullah Al-Ahmad";

4. Thirteen dishes, as follows:

   Five large dishes with decorated edge in 24-carat gold bearing the emblem of Kuwait;

   One small dish with decorated edge in 24-carat gold bearing the emblem of Kuwait;

   One decorated dish in 24-carat gold bearing the emblem of Kuwait;

   Five medium-small dishes with decorated edge in 24-carat gold, without emblem;

   One small dish with decorated edge in 24-carat gold, without emblem;

5. One bronze statuette of a Southeast Asian man playing a musical instrument;

6. A Smith & Wesson steel magnum revolver numbered 357 and inscribed [in Arabic] "Presented to His Excellency Sheikh Salim Sabah Al-Salim Al-Sabah";

7. A painting entitled "Bath of the East" by the English artist Alfred Elmore and dated 1880, damaged;

8. A painting of a rural Dutch scene from the classical period;

9. A painting of churches by an artist from one of the socialist countries from the early twentieth century;

10. A painting of a snowy forest scene by a contemporary artist, dated 1985;

11. Two swords, both inscribed [in Arabic] with the words "This weapon was made in the time of His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, A.H. 1404/A.D. 1984", stamped with the British royal seal and the English letter "W" and inscribed [in Arabic] with the Koranic verse "If Allah is your helper none can overcome you" (3:160), and one of them having a leather scabbard;

12. A small rug presented by the former Shah of Iran to Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of Kuwait, described as follows:

    Its dimensions are 23.5 inches by 26.5 inches;

    The upper border carries the words "Gift of the Shah" [in Arabic];

The lower border carries the words "State of Kuwait/Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah/Amir of Kuwait" [in Arabic];

It is surrounded by flags of Kuwait;

13. One sword, bearing the number 116489, made in 1984;

14. A rifle bearing the number FP59246 and inscribed [in Arabic] with the words "Gift of His Majesty King Juan Carlos to His Highness Crown Prince Sa`d Abd Allah Salim Al-Sabah on the occasion of the Eid/*Kull `amm wa-antum bi-khayr*";

15. One hundred and ninety-six seals belonging to the Kuwait Land Registration Department;

16. A three-piece Swedish-made laboratory fermenter;

17. Ninety-five flints of miscellaneous sizes from the Qurayn area (16/4/1986);

18. Thirty-six flints of miscellaneous sizes from the Qurayn area (No. 4/1975);

19. Eighty-two flints of miscellaneous sizes from the Qurayn area (1975);

20. Seventy flints of miscellaneous sizes from the Qurayn area (No. 2/1975);

21. Thirty-nine flints of miscellaneous sizes from the Qurayn area (No. 1/1975);

22. Eighty-two flints of miscellaneous sizes from the Qurayn area (No. 3/1975);

23. Flints of miscellaneous sizes and two small pieces of pottery, for a total of 10 pieces, from the Qurayn area (No. 9/1975);

24. One hundred and thirty-eight flints of miscellaneous sizes from the Burqan Tall area and five from the Wafrah area;

25. Flints of miscellaneous sizes, shells and pottery, for a total of 75 pieces, from Sabiyah (1980);

26. Forty flints of miscellaneous sizes from Burqan;

27. Twenty-seven small stones of miscellaneous colours from Raqqah West;

28. Small piece of pottery found near the British embassy (1973);

29. Eighteen flints of miscellaneous sizes from the Qurayn area;

30. Seventeen flints of miscellaneous sizes from the Qurayn area (1974);

31. Five flints of miscellaneous sizes from the Qurayn area (1975);

32. Small piece of pottery found in Maraqib (1977);

33. Sixteen flints of miscellaneous sizes from the Qurayn area (1975);

34. Fifty-three small stones of miscellaneous colours and sizes from the Wafrah area (16/4/1986);

35. Four small flints from the Burqan area;

36. Five small flints from the Burqan area;

37. Two flints of different sizes from the Burqan area (1984);

38. Sixteen nylon bags containing flints of miscellaneous sizes from the Sulaybikhat area;

39. Nine stones, each in a small nylon bag with a number and the place found written on it in English;

40. Ten small nylon bags containing 17 stones, each with a number and the place found written on it in English;

41. Three small nylon bags, two of them containing 19 miscellaneous stones and with a number and the place found written on them in English and the third containing a very small copper piece;

42. Five small flints of miscellaneous sizes from the Burqan area (1984);

43. Small cardboard box containing 57 flints of miscellaneous sizes with one coloured slide and a two-page list in French.